Task Force 3-505 PIR

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Family Readiness Group Briefing

1 October 2003

Agenda

- Prayer
- Chaplain Brief
- Theater Update
- Rumors
- Notes from the Rear Detachment Team
- FRG Notes
- Upcoming Events
- Questions

Protestant Services

0800 Pope AFB Chapel
0800 JFK Memorial Chapel
0930 Faith Community Chapel*
1000 Womack Hospital Chapel
1100 Gospel Service - Wood Memorial Chapel*
1100 Butner Road Chapel
1100 Hope Chapel*
1100 Smoke Bomb Hill Chapel*
1100 Division Memorial Chapel*
1100 Division North Chapel*
1100 Chapel Next - Devers School
1100 JFK Chapel
1115 Pope AFB Chapel*
1300 Contemporary Gospel - Hope Chapel
1100 Main Post Chapel
1800 Praise & Worship-Division Memorial

**** Children's Church Provided***

Youth Of the Chapel

Sunday Nite Alive Sun 1900-2030 Watters Center

- Starts meeting again the 8th of SEP.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

0800 Episcopal - Main Post Chapel (Sun)
0900 Lutheran - Peace Chapel (Sun)
0900 Samoan (Congregational) - Butner Road Chapel (Sun)
1300 Charismatic Episcopal-Peace Chapel (Sun)
1830 (Mon) Wiccan-Watters Center

JEWISH SERVICES

Faith Community Chapel POC: 432-3218
1900 (Fri) Sabbath Service
1000 (Sat) Call
1400 (Sun) Sunday School
Education Upon Request

ISLAMIC SERVICES

Watters Center POC: 907-2530
1300 (Fri) Juma'ah - Watters Center
1000 (Sun) Taleem/Arabic and Islamic Studies

ORTHODOX

Wood Memorial Chapel POC: 396-5753
0930 Divine Liturgy
1030 Religious Education (Children & Adults)
Confession By Appointment

ROMAN CATHOLIC WORSHIP

•SATURDAY MASS

1700 JFK Memorial Chapel

•SUNDAY MASS

0800 Wood Memorial Chapel
0930 JFK Memorial Chapel
1100 Peace Chapel
1115 Womack Hospital Chapel
1230 Division Memorial Chapel
0930 Main Post Chapel*
0945 Pope AFB Chapel
1100 Faith Community Chapel*
1230 JFK Memorial Chapel (en Espanol)

*Children's Church Provided

•DAILY MASS

1130 Peace Chapel (M-F)
1130 Pope AFB Chapel (Tues thru Fri)

•ROSARY (Mon-Fri)

1200 Peace Chapel

•ROSARY en Espanol (Wed)

1800 JFK Memorial Chapel

•CONFESSION

0900 Pope AFB Chapel (Sun)
1000 Pope AFB Chapel (Fri)

Watters Center
For
Family Life and Religious Education

Every Sunday 1100 @
Devers
Elementary

My office is in the 2-505 BN area next the the Battalion Aid Station. On Grave St.

On-Call duty Chaplain 396-1122

Work number is 396-7756

Up coming events –

* Free concert at Chapel Next on 26 OCT @ Devers Elementary at 1100. Lunch will be provided after the service.

* St. Michaels Event – Cycle North

Theater Update

- **2 Month Mark!!!**
- **No casualties in the last couple weeks**
- **Publicity –articles in Fayetteville Observer referencing return timeline**
- **Communications infrastructure is improving**
  - **Email is almost up**
- **ETS / PCS soldiers returning o/a 20 October**
- **Next push of soldiers to OIF:**
  - **Beginning to mid November**

Rumors

- **Re-deployment times**
  - **MG Swannack's comments**

"The 3rd Brigade is composed of two infantry battalions from the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and a battalion from the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. The brigade will deploy for six months; the unit served in Afghanistan last year.

Swannack said there are no plans to deploy the 1st Brigade to Iraq. The 1st Brigade recently returned from Afghanistan and is refitting at Fort Bragg.

In March, the entire division will be back at Fort Bragg for the first time in two years."

Rear Detachment Team Notes

- **OPSEC!!!**
- **SSG Reagan Welcome Back (tomorrow 1700)**
- **Notes on Notification**
  - **Timing – there will be lag between the email and the phone**
    - **We will start the phone callout before the email goes out**
    - **FRG Leaders will know before the email goes out**
  - **Information is NOT valid unless it has my or LTC Johnson's name attached to the end of it**
  - **Recent example of poor procedure**
    - **Our worst fears almost realized**
  - **Things you should NOT say…**

“I heard something about casualties in the 82nd. I think it might be 3-505 because it happened in the same town they’re in.”

- The right answer:

Do NOT make the call. Wait for a REDLINE Message.

“I got a call from my husband saying someone got hurt. Do you know anything about it?”

- The right answer:

“Do NOT make the call. Wait for a REDLINE Message.

On answering machine: “We got a REDLINE message and you need to call me back right away.”

- The right answer:

Do not pass REDLINE Messages on answering machines. There is too much to ambiguity. Further, please pass them word for word.

The General Rule

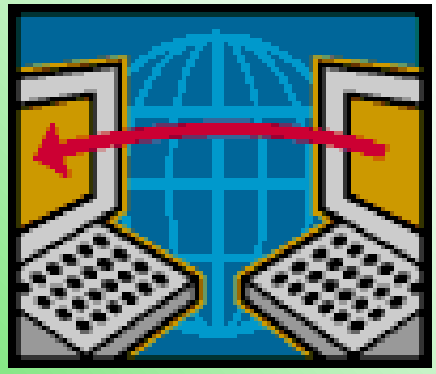
Do not talk about anything until the REDLINE Message comes out.

And Finally!!!.....

3-505 FRG Website

http://www.bragg.army.mil/3-505

Click the FRG link for the latest info



FRG Meeting Schedule

- 22 October – Army Community Services
- 12 November – Budgeting Class
- 3 December – Army Financial Assistance Programs

*** All times are 1330 and 1800 at the NCO Club ***

FRG Notes

(Sheila Johnson / Elena Katz)

- **On the Home Front Newsletter**
  - **E-mail Address: pantherwives3505@hotmail.com**
  - **First edition this week**
- **Panther Merchandise (magnets, ornaments, shirts)**
- **Christmas Packages**
  - **Ideas**
    - **Toiletries, socks, DVDs, CDs, cookies, candies**
    - **Horseshoe sets, Darts, Boxing Gloves**
    - **Basketballs, Footballs**
    - **Board Games**
- **Donations**
  - **Seek support from Churches, businesses, individuals, and community groups**

Upcoming Activities

- **Book Club**
  - ***Under the Tuscan Sun*** **by Francis Mayes**

    Saturday, October 11 at 7:00

    Saturday, October 18 we will go see the movie
- **Operation READY workshop**
  - **October 6, 5:30 – 8:00**

    Covers FRGs, casualty notification, helping children cope with separation
- **Playgroup**

Upcoming Activities

- **Creative Memories Workshops**
  - **October 18, November 15**
- **De-stressing Yoga October 11 at 10:30**
  - **Free Childcare available.**
  - **Call ACS at 396-8682**
- **Tolson Center Halloween Party**
  - **October 31 at the Tolson Center**
  - **Fliers on the table**
- **Blood Drive Info**

BOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!

- **Halloween Party-**
  - **October 25, 1400 - 1800**
  - **Location and Time: Battalion Area**
- **A - Food**
- **B -Crafts**
- **C -Crafts**
- **D -Decorations**
- **HHC - Games**

Christmas Party

- **December 6th**
- **Ideas**
  - **Video tape a couple caroling songs and the party itself**
  - **Ice Rink?**
  - **Other venue ideas?**

Questions?

Thank you for staying focused and supportive!!!